Child Maltreatment
In 2018, Idaho had 22,430 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 9,864 were referred for investigation.\(^1\)

There were 1,919 child victims of abuse or neglect in Idaho in 2018, at a rate of 4.3 children per 1,000. This translates to an 20.3% increase since 2014.\(^2\)

Of the 1,919 children, 1,618 were first time victims.\(^3\)

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 478 of the 1,919 cases.\(^4\)

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018
- 92% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. 8% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.\(^6\)
- 50% of Idaho’s child victims in 2017 were female and 50% were male.\(^7\)

Plans of Safe Care
- In 2018, Idaho reported 1 infant who was screened-in with prenatal substance exposure.\(^9\)
- Idaho reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.\(^10\)
Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from 10 in 2017 to 3 in 2018.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{i}}

Idaho reported 1 total child victim of sex trafficking with 1 female victim.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{ii}}

1,368 victims received postresponse services while 3,587 non-victims received postresponse services as well.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{iii}}

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 2,956 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 1,814 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2018.
- 1,419 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 1,143 exited during the same year.
- 532 of Idaho’s children were adopted while 245 were waiting to be adopted.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{v}}

There was a 13.9\% increase in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also decreased 5\% from 2017.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{vi}}

64 children in Idaho aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from 51 in 2016 and represents a 25.5\% increase.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{vii}}

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 13.1 months in care.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{viii}}
- The average length of stay in Idaho for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 28.2 months.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{x}}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 8.3 years old.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{x}}
- The average age of adopted children was 6 years old.\footnote{x\textsuperscript{xi}}
Data from 2017 shows that 844 children in foster care within Idaho were living with non-relatives while 504 stayed. 123 children were staying in group homes while 10 children were classified as runaways. xxii

3% of households in Idaho in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild. xxiii

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 7.5 months. xxiv

Child Poverty

Idaho had 105,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 24% of all children. xxv

24% of Idaho’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. xxvi

The average number of individuals receiving TANF rose from 2,800 in 2017 to 2,941 in 2018. This represents a 5.0% increase. xxvii

The state spent $12,196,305 on WIC in 2019, serving 31,000 people. This represents an 8% decrease in total participants and an 8.5% decrease in spending. xxviii

210,420 people in Idaho were food insecure in 2017, including 69,920 children who struggled with hunger. xxix

49.5% of households in Idaho with children received SNAP benefits in 2017. xxx
Health
Idaho had 1,545 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 7% of infants born in Idaho in 2017. xxxi

Idaho had a total of 1,933 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.8% of all white babies were born premature while 9.4% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 9%. xxxii

There were 1,106 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Idaho in 2017, representing a rate of 19 in every 1,000 teen girls. xxxiii

102 infants under 1 died in Idaho in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 4.6 per 1,000. xxxiv

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- 6.1% of Idaho’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 29,000 children. Idaho is a Medicaid expansion state. xxxvi
- 209,767 enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a 2.1% decrease from 2017. xxxvii
- 39,657 children in Idaho were in the state Chip Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an 8.2% increase from 2017. xxxviii
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 5,993 total arrests for children under 18 in Idaho in 2018.
- 188 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 978 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 928 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 408 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Idaho in 2018. This is an increase from 393 kids in 2015, representing a 3.8% increase.

Teens & Youth
- 6,000 (6%) of Idaho’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.
- In 2017, there were 0 reports of children in Idaho aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 28 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 25 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Idaho in 2017.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Idaho spent $60,694,219 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $39,286,639 were allocated from the federal government and $21,407,580 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $39,286,639 in federal funding received in Idaho in 2016:
  - $3,393,043 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $7,417,496 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
  - Idaho’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $8,092,472.


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